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For: COMPRESSOR HAVING A)		
DISCHARGE VALVE MECHANISM)		
INCLUDING A VALVE RETAINER)		
HAVING A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED)		
CURVED SURFACE)		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the Examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Conclusion begins on page 3 of this paper.